

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to include a reference to prior application Ser. No. 09/387,775, filed on September 1, 1999, as required by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2). No new matter has been added.

Claims 56 and 57 have been amended to correct dependencies. Claims 1-31 and 52-54 have been canceled. The pending application now contains claims 32-51 and 55-57.

Allowance of the application is solicited.

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56. (Amended) The method according to claim [60] 55, further comprising modeling one or more additional anti-reflective coating layers, modeling the reflective properties of said additional anti-reflective layers in the lithography modeling program during all reflective modeling steps c, evaluating the reflective properties of said additional anti-reflective layers during all evaluating steps d, and adjusting the thicknesses, indices of refraction, and absorptions of said additional anti-reflective layers during all adjusting steps e.

57. (Amended) The method according to claim [60] 55, further comprising modeling one or more additional reflective layers and modeling the reflective properties of said additional reflective layers in the lithography modeling program during all reflective modeling steps c.